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SUBJECT: WESTERN JOURNALISTS SUMMONED TO HANOI

REF: VIENTIANE 263

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCE, NAYAN CHANDA, INDOCHINA ANALYST FOR THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND TIZIANO TERZANI, CORRESPONDENT FOR DER SPIEGEL (AND AUTHOR OF GIAI PHONG) UNEXPECTEDLY RECEIVED TELEGRAMS SUMMONING THEM TO BE IN HANOI BY SATURDAY (MARCH 4). CHANDA WHO WAS JUST IN VIETNAM AT THE END OF THE YEAR HAS ALREADY DEPARTED.

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT SOMETHING IS BREWING AND THE FRENCH SUSPICION THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE PLANNING
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A MAJOR ATTACK ON CAMBODIA (REFTEL) MAY WELL FIT THE BILL. FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS THE VIETNAMESE CANNOT PERMIT THEIR BORDER CONFLICT WITH CAMBODIA TO DRAG ON TOO LONG. IF THE VIETNAMESE ARE ABOUT TO GIVE PHNOM PENH A JOLT, THEY MAY WELL WANT TO HAVE WESTERN JOURNALISTS ON HAND TO TRANSMIT HANOI'S EXPLANATION TO THE WORLD PRESS.

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